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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Ali Hussein Dakroub

DEARBORN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARD FRAUD

A 24 year-old Dearborn man pleaded guilty today to two counts of an Information charging him with producing, using and possessing counterfeit credit cards, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood was Ali Hussein Dakroub, of Dearborn, Michigan.

The fraud stems from a scheme which took place during May and June 2004. Dakroub and an accomplice placed a phony ATM card swiping device on various bank ATM machines. The phony device would record customer's ATM card information when they swiped their cards through it. In addition, Dakroub and his accomplice placed a camera in a nearby envelope box and could observe and record the ATM customer punching in his or her PIN number. With this information, Dakroub and his accomplice were able to make counterfeit credit cards, which they then could use to withdraw monies from customer's bank accounts. All told, Dakroub and his accomplice obtained nearly \$80,000 from various ATM machines. In

addition, Dakroub was arrested a second time in June of 2005 in possession of more than 15 counterfeit credit cards which he was going to sell to others for their fraudulent use.

The counts to which Dakroub pled guilty carry a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. There is a plea agreement entered into by the parties which if accepted by the court would limit defendant's sentence to 12-18 months imprisonment.

Dakroub's sentence is scheduled for March 9, 2006 at 2 p.m. before the Honorable Denise Page Hood.

The investigation of this case has been conducted by the U.S. Secret Service. The case has been prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ross I. MacKenzie